HONOLULU, H. I., MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29, 1890.

TWILIGHT IN CONDERLAND.

The sky Langley with the number light. •
He has neural his gold over to we had tree.
And sentered his diamonds upon the sea,
Dropped his casket of pearls on the robe of Night,
And his tears on the flowing's plate and white.
Yet I leave them, mother, and ify to thee

Over field and woodland and dark ravine My spirit is borne on its pinions flest, Till I clamp your hand and our glad eyes meet; Then we wander away in a glorious dream And flest, and fleat in a mystical sheen, To a realm unknown to mortal feet.

We bask in that wonderful region of light, We are filled and thrilled with love's sweet

tone, While we drink of a bliss to sense unknown Oh, what do they know of pure delight, Whose souls never stretched out their wings in

fight, Who never have found and embraced their

THE BLACK CROSS.

A black cross had been set against Judge Hawkins' name. Why it is not for me to say. We were not accustomed to explain our motives or to give reasons for our deeds. The deeds were enough, and this black cross meant death, and when it had been shown us all that we needed to know further was at what hour we should meet for the contemplated raid.

A word from the captain settled that. and when the next Friday came a dozen men met at the place of rendezvous ready for the ride which should bring them to the judge's solitary mansion across the mountains.

I was among them and in as satisfactory a mood as I had ever been in my life, for the night was favorable and the men hearty and in first rate condition.

But after we had started and were threading a certain wood I began to have doubts. Feelings I had never be-fore experienced assailed me with a force that first perplexed and then astounded me. I was afraid, and what rather heightened than diminished the unwonted sensution was the fact that I was not afraid of anything tangible, either in the present or future, but of some-thing unexplainable and peculiar, which if it lay in the skies certainly made them look dark indeed, and if it hid in the forest, caused its faintest murmur to seem like the utterance of a great dread. as awful as it was inexplicable.

I nevertheless proceeded, and should have done so if the great streaks of lightning which now and then shot zigzas through the sky had taken the shape of words and bade us all beware. I was not one to be daunted, and knew no other course than that of advance when once a stroke of justice had been planned and the direction for its fulfillment marked out. I went on, but I began to think, and that to me was an experience. for I had never been taught to reflectonly to fight and obey.

The house toward which we were rid-

ing was built on a hillside, and the first thing we saw on emerging from the forest was a light burning in one of its distant windows. This was a surprise, for the hour was late, and in that part of the country people were accustomed to re-tire early, even such busy men as the judge. He must have a visitor, and a visitor meant a possible complication of affairs: so a halt was called, and I was singled out to reconnoider the premises and bring back word of what we had a

right to expect. I started off in a strange state of mind. The fear I had spoken of had left me, but a vague shadow remained. through which, as through a mist, I saw the light in that far away window beckoning me on to what I felt was in some way to make an end of my present life. As I drew nearer to it the feeling increased; then it, too, left me, and 1 found myself once more the daring This was when I came to the

a few steps more to take. The house, which had now become plainly visible, was a solid one of stone, built, as I have said, on the hillside. It faced the row, as was shown by the large portico dimly to be discerned in that direction, but its rooms were mainly on the side, and it was from one of these that the light shone. As I came yet nearer I perceived that these rooms were guarded by a piazza, which, communicating with the portico in front, afforded an open road to that window

and a clear sight of what lay behind it. I was instantly off my horse and upon the piazza, and before I had time to realize that my fears had returned to me with double force I had crept stealthily toward that uncurtained window and

What did I see? At first nothing but a calm, studious figure bending above a batch of closely written papers, upon which the light shone too brightly for me to perceive much of what lay behind them. But gradually an influence, of whose workings I was scarce conscious, drew my eyes away, and I began to discover on every side strange and beautiful objects which greatly interested me, until suddenly my eyes fell upon a vision of loveliness so enchanting that I forgot to look elsewhere and became for the moment nothing but sight and feeling.

It was a picture, or so I thought in the first instant of awe and delight. But presently I saw that it was a woman. living and full of the thoughts that had never been mine, and at the discovery a sudden trembling seized me, for I had never seen anything in beaven or earth like her beauty, while she saw nothing but the man who was bending over his

papers.

There was a door or comething dark behind her, and against it her tall, strong figure, ciad in a close white gown, stood out with a distinctness that was not altogether earthly. But it was her face that hold me and made of me from moment For in it I disserted what I had never

believed in till now, devotion that had no limit and tove which asked nothing to return. She seemed to be faltering on the threshold of that room, like on who would like to enter but does not dare, and in another moment, with a annie that pieceel me through, she turned as if to go. Instantly I forgot everything but my despuir, and leaned

forward with an impercently that be trayed my presenc. She glanced quick-ly toward the window, and seeing me turned pale, even while she rose in height till I felt myself shrink and grow small before her.

Thrusting out her hand she caught from the table before her what looked like a small dagger, and holding it up. advanced upon me with blazing eyes and parted lips, not seeing that the judge had risen to his feet, not seeing anything but my face glued against the pane, and staring with an expression that must have struck to the heart as surely as her look pierced mine. When she was almost upon me I turned and fled. Hell could not have frightened me, but heaven did; and for me that woman was heaven whether she smiled or frowned, gazed upon another with love or raised a dag-

ger to strike me to the ground. How soon I met my mates I cannot say. In a few minutes, doubtless, for they had stolen after me and had detected me running away from the window. I was forced to tell my tale, and I told it unhesitatingly, for I knew I could not save him-if I wanted to-and I knew I should save her or die in the

attempt. "He is alone there with a girl," I announced, "Whether she is his wife or not I cannot say, but there is no cross against her name, and I ask that she be spared not only from sharing his fate, but from the sight of his death, for she loves him."

This from me! No wonder the captain stared, then laughed. But I did not laugh in return, and being the strongest man in the band and the surest with my rifle, he did not trifle long, but listened to my plans and in part consented to them, so that I retreated to my post at the gateway with something like confidence, while he, approaching the door, lifted the knocker and let it fall with a resounding clang that must have rung like a knell of death to the hearts within.

For the judge knew our errand; I saw it in his face when he rose to his feet, and he had no hope, for we had never failed in our attempts, and the house, though strongly built, was easily assail-

While the captain knocked three men had scaled the portico and were ready to enter the open windows if the judge refused to parley or offered any resistance to what was known as the captain's will. "Death to the judge!" was the cry, and

it was echoed not only at the door but around the house, where the rest of the men had drawn a cordon ready to waylay any one who sought to escape. Death to the judge! And the judge was loved by that woman and would be mourned by her till- But a voice is speaking, a voice from out that great house, and it asks what is wanted and what the meaning is of these threats of death.

And the captain answers short and

"The Ku-Klux commands, but never explains. What it commands now is for Judge Hawkins to come forth. If he shrinks or delays his house will be entered and burned, but if he will come out and meet like a man what awaits him his house shall go free and his family remain unmolested."

"And what is it that awaits him?" pursued the voice. "Four bullets from four unerring

rifles," returned the captain. "It is well; he will come forth," cried the voice, and then in a huskier tone: "Let me kiss the woman I love. I will

not keep you long." And the captain answered nothing, only counted out clearly and steadily, "One-two-three," up to a hundred: then he paused, turned and lifted his hand; when instantly our four rifles rose, and at the same moment the door. with a faint grating sound I shall never forget, slowly opened and the firm, unfoot of the hill and discovered I had but

shrinking figure of the judge appeared. We did not delay. One simultaneous burst of fire, one loud quick crack, and his figure fell before our eyes. A sound, a cry from within, then all was still, and the captain, mounting his horse, gave one quick whistle and galloped away. We followed him, but I was the last to mount, and did not follow long, for at the flash of those guns I had seen a smile across our victim's lip, and my heart was on fire, and I could not rest till I

had found my way back to that open doorway and the figure lying within it. There it was, and behind it a house empty as my heart has been since that day. A man's dress covering a woman's form-and over the motionless, perfect features that same smile which I had seen in the room beyond and again in the quick glare of the rifles.

I had harbored no evil thought concerning her, bu. when I beheld that smile now sealed and fixed upon her lips I found the soul I had never known that I possessed until that day.—Anna Katherine Green in Philadelphia Times.

The Italian clergy, unlike the clergy of France-and for the most part of England-have never made any objection to cremation, and at Milan, where nearly 2,000 bodies have been cremated during the last thirteen years, and where at the present rate of increase cremations will soon feach an average of one a day, the same funeral service is performed, whether the corpse be destined for slow corruption under the earth, or for rapid incineration above ground. Two systems of cremation are followed at Milan -Wegtminster Review.

Wanted Some Store Teeth. The other day a waman not over 80, but minus her teeth, called on a prominent dentist, and asked him if he could not rent her a set of teeth to wear to a party that evening. She told the dentist that she supposed that false teeth were kept in stock and that people fitted themselves.—Waterbury American.

Digistion would be greatly premoted if rest could be taken for half an hour after a ment. A gentle walk with the chest thrown out is excellent even tu-deors. When a waik is taken in the house the hands should be charged at the MEN YOU HEAR OF.

For many years Dion Bouelcault spelt his name Bourgicanlt.

William N. Whiteley, the famous in ventor millionaire, is a mental wreck. Senator Wade Hampton, notwithstanding his cork leg, is an expert horse-

A New Yorker says C. P. Huntington is the only great millionaire in town who never laughs or plays or has fun. Canon Farrar approves the Salvation Army idea of a week of prayer and self denial in behalf of missions.

Ex-Governor Hubbard, of Texas, is one of the weightiest politicians of the Democracy. He weighs 380 pounds. Emile Zola is a fatalist. "I feel, says he, "that with nations as with in-dividuals, what is destined to happen

will happen." John Greenleaf Whittier is still erec and active at 82. His bair and beard are white as slacked lime, but his deep set. dark eye is scarcely dimined.

George W. Jones, of Dubuque, Ia., is perhaps the oldest congressman living. He was elected a delegate to congress from the then territory of Michigan in Marshal MacMahon, ex-president of

France, is in the eighty-third year of his age, but that doesn't prevent him from regularly hunting in the forests near his home. The Duke of Bedford, who owns a large part of London and is a millionaire many times over, looks like an under-

grown, sickly boy, although of fairly mature age. Jesse F. Carpenter, of Cazenovia, has purchased a fine residence site in Washington, D. C., paying \$95,000, which is said to be the largest sum ever paid for

a single lot in that city. Pope Leo is said to be interesting himself in hypnotism. Also he will call upon the churchmen to oppose it on the ground that a loss of will power must be accompanied by a lapse of moral control

and self respect. Rev. Dr. Charles Hartwell, of Foo Chow, China, who has been in the foreign mission field for nearly forty years, styles the Japanese the Frenchman of the east, and the Chinaman the And Saxon of the east.

Marquis Tseng, the late illustrious Chinese statesman, has received the highest posthumous honors which the Celestial kingdom can bestow, in a decree of the emperor that he "forgives him all his sins and crimes committed during his life."

THE GENTLER SEX. Christine Nilsson is supposed to have

been Cabanel's model for the famous "Marguerite." Mrs. Harrison personally selected all the colors and hangings used in refitting

up the president's rooms at the White House. 173 42 Merchant street, Honolulu. 19 Miss Emily Hays, the belle of the cot-ton field, aged 19, lives in a cabin fifty miles from Harrison, Ark., and carns \$4

a day picking cotton. Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop has obtained from the ruler of Kashmir a piece of land on which to build a hospital and dispensary for women.

Lady Dorothy's very bald head and her ninety years do not prevent her from still being one of the gay figures in Brit-ish society. She is called "jolly old Lady Dorothy."

Mrs. S. V. White, wife of the ex-congressman and the famous Wall street operator, a graduate from the academy at Godfrey, Ills., has founded a scholar ship at that institution.

Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse, of New York, who is the adopted granddaughter of Red Jacket, is raising a fund for the erection of a monument to the great Seneca chief at Buffalo.

Kate Field has been examining some statistics, and finds that American women spend \$62,000,000 a year for cosmetics, most of which are made of sinc, oxide, calomel and other poisons.

Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, the popular novelist of a generation ago, lives in Georgetown, D. C., and though 70 years of age still writes. Most of her literary work is done in the open air.

Mrs. T. J. Butler, of Prescott, who has been lately appointed commissioner to the World's fair from northern Arizona, was formerly Carrie E. Blake, of Boston, and a correspondent of The Transcript.

Mrs. Lucy Ridley, a colored woman is the oldest person living in New York. She has passed the one hundred and seventeenth year of her life, and although almost blind and scarcely able to speak she bids fair to live for several

DOINGS OF ROYALTY.

The Princess Marie Studolmine Bonapart-Wyse, who is to marry Emilio Castelar, the distinguished Spanish statesman, is well known in the literary and social world as Mme. Rattazzi.

The queen of Roumania accepted an invitation to Windsor castle recently, but when the time came refused to go. The supposition is that she was angry because the royal carriages had not been

Queen Victoria has sent a splendid cradle, richly ornamented, to her great grandson, the infant of the duke and duchess of Sparts, and the whole outfit for the child was bought in England by the Empress Frederick.

The Hermitage and Antichkoff palace at St. Petersburg are crammed with pictures, and no more can be hung in them, so the casr is going to establish a national gallery at St. Petersburg, which is to be devoted to Russian pictures ex-

King Humbert's hair has become snow white, much to the distress of Queen Margnerite, who is most angious that her husband should follow the example of his father and the fashion common among elderly Piedmontons officers, and dye his hair. Her pleadings are, how-

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